

Amendments to the Title:

Method ~~and System~~ for Notification of Local Action Required to Contents of Electronic Mail Message

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0013] on page 4 as follows:

[0013] The present invention provides a method ~~and system~~ to alert the recipient of an electronic message of some action that is required from the recipient. The invention also provides a method to alert the sender of the electronic message of the completion of the action required in the original electronic mail message. In the method of the present invention, the originator or recipient of an electronic mail message can choose to designate the message as one that requires an action by the message recipient. This message designation could be a flag or icon embedded into the message. The recipient will notice the 'Action Required' icon and will be alerted to the fact that an action is required with this message. Once the recipient reads the message, the recipient will act upon the request in the message. At the completion of the action, the sender of the original message will receive a notification that the requested action has been taken by the recipient.

Amendments to the Abstract:**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The present invention provides a method ~~and system~~ to alert the recipient of an electronic message of some action that is required from the recipient. The invention also provides a method to alert the sender of the electronic message of the completion of the action required in the original electronic mail message. In the method of the present invention, the originator or recipient of an electronic mail message can choose to designate the message as one that requires an action by the message recipient. The recipient will notice the 'Action Required' icon and will be alerted to the fact that an action is required with this message. At the completion of the action, the sender of the original message will receive a notification that the requested action has been taken by the recipient.